

closed behind, angulate externally; mesosternum with intercoxal process short, flat; metasternum with episternum narrow, slightly tapering posteriorly. Elytra less than 2.5 times as long as broad, slightly expanding posteriorly; apices broadly rounded. Legs short; middle pair with sinus; tarsal claws with a short broad, internal tooth.

Type species: *Tetrops validicornis* Bates.

This genus differs from the Old World *Tetrops* by the shorter antennae, larger broader scutellum, transverse, bituberculate pronotum, and expanding elytra. The short antennae and distinctive pronotum should distinguish *Mecasoma* from its New World relatives.

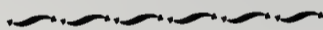
The species *validicornis* was originally described from Oaxaca, Mexico. The type has brownish elytra and is a rather small individual of this species. We have examined a series from 9 miles W. Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico, 3-5-VII-1953 (C. & P. Vaurie) most of which are larger than the type and have black elytra. Only 3 of 16 individuals possess coloration similar to the type.

Phaea canescens (LeConte) 52-157, **new combination**. Transferred from *Tetrops*.

Phaea monostigma (Haldeman) 47-57, **new combination**. Transferred from *Tetrops*.

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